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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT SEKOU TOURE'S VISIT TO SAUDI ARABIA -  
GUINEAN PATROL BOAT REQUIREMENT

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1. GUINEA REMAINS PRIMARILY DEPENDENT ON SOVIETS FOR  
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MILITARY SUPPORT INCLUDING PRESENCE OF SOVIET MILITARY  
PERSONNEL. SUPPLY OF PATROL BOATS TO GUINEA FROM  
NON-COMMUNIST SOURCE WOULD PROBABLY HELP GUINEA TO FEEL  
LESS DEPENDENT ON SOVIETS FOR MILITARY EQUIPMENT AND  
MIGHT WELL ENCOURAGE THEM TO PRESS FOR INCREMENTAL  
REDUCTION OF SOVIET NAVAL PRESENCE IN CONAKRY BUT IT  
APPEARS UNLIKELY THAT SUPPLY OF PATROL BOATS ALONE WOULD

CAUSE ELIMINATION OF SOVIET NAVAL PRESENCE IN CONAKRY.

2. DEPARTMENT WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION TO EMBASSY JIDDA POINTING OUT TO SAUDIS THAT GUINEANS HAVE ASKED U.S. AND FRENCH FOR PATROL BOATS IN APPARENT EFFORT TO REDUCE THEIR MILITARY DEPENDENCE ON SOVIETS AND THAT SUPPLY OF PATROL BOATS TO GUINEA MIGHT HELP INDUCE GUINEANS TO REDUCE SOVIET NAVAL PRESENCE. IF YOU RAISE

THIS WITH SAUDIS YOU SHOULD POINT OUT THAT WE WOULD BE PLEASED TO SEE THE FRENCH PROVIDE GUINEA WITH THE PATROL BOATS, IF FINANCING CAN BE ARRANGED, AND HAVE SO INFORMED THAT GOVERNMENT.

3. PRESIDENT TOURE IS A SENSITIVE, PROUD, AND INTENSELY INDEPENDENT LEADER, WHO COULD REACT STRONGLY IF THE SAUDIS WERE TO SET THE REDUCTION OF THE SOVIET NAVAL PRESENCE AS A QUID PRO QUO FOR THEIR ASSISTANCE. IF THE SAUDIS WISH TO DISCUSS THE SUBJECT WITH TOURE IT SHOULD BE IN TERMS OF STRENGTHENING GUINEA'S NON-ALIGNED POSITION AND ABILITY TO PROVIDE FOR ITS OWN DEFENSE, THUS RENDERING A DEPENDENCE ON THE SOVIETS FOR SECURITY ASSISTANCE UNNECESSARY. IN SHORT, ANY HINT OF ECONOMIC COERCION OR BLACKMAIL BY THE SAUDIS TO REDUCE THE SOVIET NAVAL PRESENCE COULD BACKFIRE. TOURE WILL ONLY CUT BACK ON THE SOVIETS PRESENCE WHEN HE HAS FOUND A SUBSTITUTE  
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FOR THE SECURITY THEY PROVIDE HIM.

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